

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A socket for electrically interconnecting an electrical device having conductive members arranged thereon, the socket comprising:

a dielectric housing defining ~~a mounting surface toward the electrical device~~ opposite mounting and mating surfaces, and a plurality of terminal-passageways extending ~~inwardly from said mounting surface therebetween and arranged in rows~~;

a plurality of terminals received in the terminal-passageways respectively, each of the terminals comprising a retention body secured in a corresponding terminal-passageway and ~~[[a]] cantilever [[arm]]~~ opposite arms ~~having a part thereof extended~~ extending from the retention body ~~beyond said mounting surface for mechanically and electrically engaging a corresponding conductive member of the electrical device past the mounting and mating surfaces, respectively; and~~

a plurality of projections provided on said mounting surface ~~and projecting toward the electrical device~~ and mating surfaces, and located along said rows and between the terminals;

wherein when the electrical device engages with the socket, each conductive member of the electrical device compresses the arm of a corresponding terminal, thereby establishing mechanical and electrical engagement therebetween, said projections supporting the electrical device to prevent the conductive member from electrically touching the parts of the retention bodies of other terminals adjacent said terminal;

~~wherein the projections are interspersed on said mounting surface and one of the projections is disposed around a corresponding terminal passageway; wherein~~

when the electrical device engages with the socket, said conductive member rests on the corresponding projection; wherein

the projections integrally extend from said mounting and mating surfaces; wherein

each of the terminal-passageways has a securing section and a receiving section vertical to and in communication with the securing section; wherein

each of the projections is situated at one side of the receiving section of a corresponding terminal-passageway, opposing to the securing section of said terminal-passageway

Claims 2-21 (canceled)